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DEVELOPMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAK UNIFIED AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES,
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From 1 May 1952 to 1 May 1953, some 2,293 new JZD (Jednotne zemedelske druzstvo, Unified Agricultural Cooperatives) were established in Czechoslovakia. New JZD are being established and lower types of cooperatives are changing over to higher forms of collectivization. There were about 208 JZD in Czechoslovakia in May 1949; 5,115 by the end of 1950; and 8,858 by the end of 1952. JZD have been established in 59 percent of all obecs throughout Czechoslovakia. The number of Type I through Type IV JZD increased 22 percent in 1951, and 42 percent in 1952.

Among the reasons for the increase in the number of JZD are: the intensified campaign to convince small and middle farmers of the benefits of joining JZD: the example set by many JZD in demonstrating good results due to collective farming; and government aid which was made available to JZD and their members. Government aid is given to MTS and is not in the form of direct subsidies to farmers.

A special development in the growth of JZD is the increase in the number of Types III and IV cooperatives. There were 1,585 of these higher types in existence by the end of 1950; 2,985 in 1951; 5,869 by the end of 1952; and 6,800 by 1 April 1953. By 1 April 1953, Types III and IV JZD were established in about 45 percent of all obecs in Czechoslovakia. In 1950, Types III and IV cooperatives constituted 31 percent of all JZD in Czechoslovakia; in 1951 they made up some 48 percent; and in 1952, about 66 percent.

During the period from 1 May 1952 to 1 May 1953, the make-up of individual, higher type JZD underwent some changes. In the early days of collective farming, this type of JZD was composed mostly of small farmers; many of the middle farmers were very reluctant to join. However, in his speech to the First Allstate Conference of Agricultural Cooperatives held in Prague in 1952, Josef Nepomucky, Minister of Agriculture, reported the following

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composition of Types III and IV JZD, as of the end of 1952:

<u>Size of Agricultural Unit (in ha)</u>	<u>Members (in %)</u>
Up to 0.5	10.8
0.5 - 2	22.4
2 - 5	26.9
5 - 10	23.5
10 - 15	13.0

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